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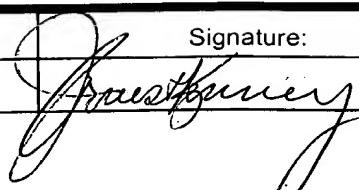
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Transmitted herewith is a patent application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Entitled:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CHECKING BANK NOTES
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1. Submitted herewith are the following:
- 8 pages of specification.
 X Abstract.
 2 sheet(s) of drawings.
 9 claim(s).
 X Oath/Declaration unsigned by each inventor.
 X Preliminary Amendment.
 0 Information Disclosure Statement(s).
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 0 Assignment of the invention, Cover Sheet, and payment of the \$ _____ recordal fee.
 0 Certified copy of application no. _____ filed in _____. Priority is claimed.
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